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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,3 and 6-19 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 2,3,6,7 and 15-17 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 8-14,18 and 19 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 January 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/12/01</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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1. This communication is responsive to applicant's 4/22/05 amendments. The amendments have been entered. Claims 2-3 and 6-19 are now pending.

2. Claim 18 is objected because the phrase "for connected", in line 5, should change to --- connected ---.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 8-14 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As to claim 9, it recites the limitations "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the optical strength detection signal", in lines 4-5. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 10, it recites the limitations "the light shading" in line 4, and "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the optical strength detection signal" in line 5, and "the optical strength setting signal" in line 7, and "the shading setting signal", in lines 7-8. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 11, it recites the limitations "the light shading" in line 4, and "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the optical wavelength setting signal" in line 6, and "the shading setting signal", in lines 7-8. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 12, it recites the limitations "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the shading setting signal", in line 7. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 13, it recites the limitations "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the optical strength detection signal", in lines 4-5. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 14, it recites the limitations "the optical wavelength detection signal" in line 4, and "the shading setting signal", in line 7. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

As to claim 18, it is not clear about "... a drive circuit connected to receive a transmission data signal and a shading control signal ...". Figures 2-6 each show a drive circuit 80 that only receives the data signal 91, not a shading control signal. Which drive circuit receives a transmission data signal and a shading control signal?? Furthermore, the limitation "the optical strength control signal" in line 17, lacks antecedent basis.

As to claim 19, it recites the limitations "said optical wavelength stabilization circuit" in line 5, and "said shading judging circuit", in line 6. There are insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claims 2-3, 6-7, and 15-17 are allowed over prior art of record.

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6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. R. Sedighian whose telephone number is (571) 272-3034. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (from 9 AM to 5 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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